

Canal from Sankosh River

3389. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a canal from Sankosh River to Ganges in West Bengal for regular augmentation of water and better flow of water in Calcutta Port has been received by the Government for clearance;

(b) whether the Government are aware that Canal water will create the environmental problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Detailed Project Report has been prepared by the Central Water Commission which envisages construction of dams across the river Sankosh for generation of power of 4060 MW. The regulated discharge is also proposed for irrigation and other purposes in Bihar and West Bengal territory through a gravity canal upto Teesta Barrage pond.

(b) to (d) Environment Impact Studies have been carried out by Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) and the final report is under examination by the Central Water Commission. Ministry of Environment and Forest would be approached for further examination before seeking investment clearance for the canal component which is in the Indian territory.

[Translation]

Proposal for River Bridges

3390. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposals pertaining to construction of bridges over the rivers particulars in Uttar Pradesh which are under the consideration of the Government; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) As per Annual Plan 1996-97, the following two proposals, relating to bridges on National Highway network in U.P., are under consideration :

S.No.	Name	No. of National Highway
1.	Anoopshahar Branch Canal, Km. 77	NH-2
2.	Pili Nadi Km. 191	NH-56

Technical details of these proposals are under finalisation.

[English]

National Security Problem

3391. SHRI L. RAMANA :

SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the long term comprehensive approach proposed to the National security problems in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : Government continually assess possible threats to national security and ensure the maintenance of adequate defence preparedness.

[Translation]

National Commission for Women

3392. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has emphasised the need of including women and children in the Ninth Five Year Plan as a policy matter and has urged the Government to formulate schemes for women and children to save the children from malnutrition and for child care;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the names of the schemes included or proposed to be included in the Ninth Five Year Plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Dredging Corporation of India

3393. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the present area of operation of the Dredging Corporation of India;

(b) the funds allocated for it by the Government year-wise since its incorporation;

(c) the number and type of dredgers in its possession;

(d) the number of dredgers in operation in different National Waterways; and

(e) the details of the proposals for making the National waterways No. 2 fully navigable, to be undertaken during Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Capital and Maintenance Dredging for all Major, Intermediate Ports, Fishing Harbours, Indian Navy, Shipyards and Inland Waterways.

(b) Information is as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)				
Year	Towards Share Capital	Working Capital Loan	Long Term Loan	Remarks
1975-76	1984.00	54.81	391.51	Loan fully Repaid
1976-77	-	-	1179.31	Loan fully Repaid
1977-78	816.00	-	934.96	Loan fully Repaid
1978-79	-	-	16.70	Loan fully Repaid
1983-84	-	-	719.00	Loan fully Repaid
1993-94	-	-	2650.00	Rs. 650 lakhs Repaid by 1995-96, as scheduled. No payments are overdue.
2800.00				

Notes

- The amounts indicated against the years 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 (except for Rs. 54.81 lakhs for working capital, which was paid in cash) are book adjustments against value of assets (Dredgers) transferred by the Government of India to Dredging Corporation of India. The amounts indicated against 1983-84 and 1993-94 were paid to DCI in the form of cash.
 - 1.44% of the paid-up share capital was disinvested in 1991-92, and the Government continues to hold the remaining 98.56% in Dredging Corporation of India's share capital.
- (c) (i) Ocean going trailer Suction Hopper Dredgers - 7 Nos.
(ii) Highpower Cutter Suction Dredgers - 2 Nos.
(iii) Inland Dredgers - 3 Nos.
- (d) None at present.
- (e) Under 9th Plan proposals, an allocation of Rs. 110 crores as given below, for the development of National Waterways No. 2 has been proposed.

(Rs. in Crores)	
Fairway Development	53.00
Terminal	29.00
Navigational Aids	10.00
Organisation	5.00
Others	13.00
Total	110.00

Under fairway development, provision of Rs. 17 crores is included for procurement of one Cutter Suction Dredger and two Water Injection Dredgers. The fairway development activity also includes expenditure on year to year maintenance dredging on National Waterways No. 2.

The development works on National Waterways No. 2 will be implemented depending upon the availability of funds during the plan period.

Formulation of Concept Plan by IIT, Delhi

3394. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi had formulated a Concept Plan about 3-4 years ago which was approved by its Senate and Board of Governors;

(b) if so, whether IIT Delhi has abandoned the Concept Plan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to have another concept plan for IIT, Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi had formulated a concept plan on Organisational Structure of the institute in 1990 and it has not been abandoned. The recommendations are implemented by the institute.

[Translation]

Japanese Cooperation In Management of Human Resource Development

3395. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to invite Japanese cooperation in the management of Human Resource Development and resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.